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Sarah Stevens graduated from a city program that helps residents in NYCHA housing open food-related businesses. / BESS ADLER, METRO

NYCHA program helps residents cook up their own businesses

Entrepreneurship. Sarah Stevens is building her food brand from the ground up.

Sarah Stevens has always had an entrepreneurial spirit. But being a single mother, working as a security officer and lacking money always got in the way.

Stevens, 42, said she was thinking about looking into culinary school last year when she walked out of her building at the Carver Houses in Harlem, and saw a poster for NYCHA's new Food Business Pathways Program that had fallen to the ground.

She picked it up, and the rest is history.

Last month, Stevens was one of 18 women and three men in the program's first graduating class. The 10-week course encourages NYCHA residents to start food businesses, and participants receive business coaching and free licensing and permits.

Stevens, who said she's always lived in New York public housing, hopes to open a Wall Street-area lounge called "After 5," with her eldest daughter, DellLahcei Livingston.

"I want it to be comfortable, relaxing, a little bit of music — R&B and jazz — [where you can get] a nice cocktail, sit down and enjoy yourself and be in a good atmosphere," Stevens said.

Sideya Sherman, director of NYCHA's Resident Economic Empowerment and Sustainability programs, said the housing authority has been focusing on business development services for residents, as a way to increase residents' income and access to work.

"The staff is pumped about the program," Sherman said. "It really weaves together the critical services a small business needs to get started."

For Stevens, starting a business isn't just for her, but for her three children.

"I'm paving the way for them, because if nothing else, I can leave them with something," Stevens said. "It can be theirs."

Quoted

"I've always been a hard worker. I'm kind of a people person. I like the lounge scene, I like to go to a nice place and just sit back and run my mouth a little bit." Stevens

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Poets among us: New York City is full of inspiration. And now is the chance to tweet us what you've got.

The mayor's office and New York City Department of Cultural Affairs are holding their 12th annual "PoetweetNYC" contest in honor of National Poetry Month.

The winning poem, to be selected by the mayor's office, will be printed in Metro New York on April 30, which is "Poem in Your Pocket Day."

Original poems — keep the content clean and limited to one tweet — should be tweeted to #PoetweetNYC by April 13 for consideration.

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Queens

Police hunting for casino shooting suspect

Jaquan Roberts
PROVIDED

Police have identified the alleged gunman who fired shots into the air at Resorts World Casino in Jamaica on Friday night.

Officers responded to 110-00 Rockaway Boulevard at 10:49 p.m. on Friday and did not find anyone in the parking lot with gunshot wounds.

Detectives used surveillance footage, a license plate number and facial recognition to identify the shooting suspect as Jaquan Roberts, 22.

He is described as a black, 6-feet and 180 pounds. He was last seen on video leaving the casino's parking lot. He was arrested in 2010 on charges of possession of a loaded weapon after he shot himself in the leg with a .22 revolver, police said.

Anyone with information is asked to call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-577-TIPS or online at www.nypdcrimestoppers.com.

A large brawl involving an estimated two dozen people broke out inside the casino's new Fat Tuesday daiquiri bar shortly after police arrived to investigate the shooting. The fight was captured on video, and shows chairs being thrown and people fighting. Three people were arrested on charges of disorderly conduct. The shooting is not believed to be related to the melee. METRO

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New Yorkers warned about phone tax scam

Taxes. Tips to keep scammers away.

With Tax Day a little more than a week away, Attorney General Eric Schneiderman is warning New Yorkers to keep an eye out for collection schemes.

This year, the attorney general's office has received complaints of people who are impersonating IRS officials attempting to collect tax debts over the phone. Schneiderman's office said these tax scammers have been threatening a lawsuit or arrest if the victim does not turn over personal information, such as a Social Security number or bank account information.

New York Attorney General Eric Schneiderman / GETTY IMAGES

"Unfortunately, there are scammers who will shamelessly take advantage of vulnerable consumers as they try to file their taxes on time," said Schneiderman in a statement.

Timothy Camus, a deputy Treasury inspector general, said at a March Senate hearing that more than 3,000 people have been tricked out of $15.5 million since the widespread scam started in 2013, the AP reported.

Schneiderman's office said government agencies do not demand payments over the phone, and will not threaten arrest or deportation for debt collection. Consumers who legitimately owe money will receive a written statement in the mail.

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Bronx

Man shot to death in Bronx

A 19-year-old man was shot and killed in the Bronx early Sunday, police said.

Jose Velasquez, 19, was found around 3:30 a.m. with multiple gunshot wounds to his neck and torso at the intersection of Walton and Burnside avenues.

He was pronounced dead on arrival at St. Barnabas Hospital.

Velasquez, of Leggett Avenue, has a criminal history, officials told the Daily News. He was killed in front of a closed beauty supply store, and the suspect fired eight rounds, according to the Daily News.

There have been no arrests and the investigation continues. **METRO**

An Easter bonnet frenzy on Fifth

Exuberant Easter celebrants adorned themselves with their most festive bonnets Sunday for the Easter Parade and Bonnet Festival along Fifth Avenue. / MILES DIXON, METRO

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Ferguson releases racist emails from former officials

Insensitive and offensive jokes.
The emails were sent between 2008 and 2011 and are mainly email forwards.

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Officials in Ferguson, Missouri, have released the full content of racially charged and religiously insensitive emails, including about President Barack Obama, sent between the city's former court clerk and two ex-police supervisors.

The St. Louis suburb was torn by months of unrest following the fatal shooting of an unarmed black teenager by a white police officer.

The emails, although dating back years before the shooting, were among evidence presented by the Justice Department in a report in March that concluded that racism pervaded the Ferguson Police Department.

The unredacted versions show for the first time which employee sent which emails.

The emails were released to the Washington Post late on Thursday in response to a public-records request.

They were sent and received by Mary Ann Twitty, who was Ferguson's court clerk, as well as former Ferguson Police Captain Rick Henke and former Police Sergeant William Mudd.

All three were removed from their jobs after the Department of Justice discovered the emails, which prompted an investigation by city officials. The three have made no comment since leaving their jobs.

One email, sent by Twitty to both men as well as a third recipient with the subject line: "Insensitive One Liners," including one linking a Muslim clothing shop to suicide bombings.

Several of the emails focus on Obama, and the majority speak disparagingly of him or minorities more broadly. REUTERS

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Fighting

Dozens killed in fighting near Yemen's Aden port

Houthi fighters and allied army units clashed with local militias in the southern Yemeni city of Aden on Sunday, and eyewitnesses said gun battles and heavy shelling ripped through a downtown district near the city's port.

The Houthi forces have been battling to take Aden, a last foothold of fighters loyal to Saudi-backed President Abd-Rabbu Mansour Hadi, advancing to the city center despite 11 days of airstrikes by a Saudi-led coalition of mainly Gulf air forces.

Sunni Muslim Saudi Arabia launched the airstrikes on March 26 in an attempt to turn back the Iran-allied Shi'ite Houthis, who already control Yemen's capital Sanaa, and restore some of Hadi's crumbling authority.

The air and sea campaign has targeted Houthi convoys, missiles and weapons stores and cut off any possible outside reinforcements — although the Houthis deny Saudi accusations that they are armed by Tehran.

The fighting has failed so far to inflict any decisive defeat on the Houthis, or the supporters of former president Ali Abdullah Saleh who are fighting alongside them, but the growing death toll and humanitarian suffering has alarmed aid groups. REUTERS

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A Red Cross member helps a woman overcome with grief after learning that a relative was killed during the siege on the Garissa University campus. / GETTY IMAGES

Government official's son was among the gunmen

Prayers. Pope Francis spoke out against the attack in his Easter Sunday service.

Christians

83%

Christians make up 83 percent of Kenya's 44 million population.

The son of a Kenyan government official was one of the masked gunmen who killed nearly 150 people at a university last week, the interior ministry said on Sunday, as Kenyan churches hired armed guards to protect their Easter congregations.

At one church in the Indian Ocean port city of Mombasa, worshippers were evacuated and a bomb disposal unit deployed due to a suspicious vehicle parked outside the church. Police took it away for further examination.

Pope Francis decried Thursday's attack during his Easter Sunday service, praying for those killed by Islamist gunmen who hunted down Christians while sparing Muslims.

Interior Ministry spokesman Mwenda Njoka said Abdirahim Abdullahi was one of four gunmen who stormed the college campus in Garissa, some 120 miles from the Somali border.

An ethnic Somali with Kenyan nationality, his father is a government official in the northern Mandera county bordering Somalia, he said.

"The father had reported to security agents that his son had disappeared from home... and was helping the police try to trace his son by the time the Garissa terror attack happened," Njoka told Reuters in a text message.

President Uhuru Kenyatta on Saturday said the planners and financiers of Islamist attacks were "deeply embedded" within Kenyan communities and urged Muslims to do more to fight radicalization.

A Garissa-based official who did not wish to be named said the government was aware Abdullahi, a former University of Nairobi law student, had joined al Shabaab after graduating in 2013: "He was a very brilliant student. But then he got these crazy ideas." REUTERS

Man in custody after human remains found in bag near MIT campus

Police arrested a suspect from a Sixth Street apartment building in connection to the crime. / NICOLAUS CZARNECKI, METRO

Cambridge.
Details are expected Monday.

Authorities have arrested a suspect this weekend in connection with human remains found inside a duffel bag in Cambridge, according to the Middlesex district attorney's office.

The remains were found Saturday. The suspect is scheduled to be arraigned in Cambridge District Court on Monday, at which time the defendant's name will be released. There, the suspect will face charges of accessory after the fact to assault and battery, causing serious bodily injury and improper disposal of a body.

The remains have been identified, but the victim's name is being withheld as police look for the next of kin.

The investigation, said Middlesex District Attorney Marian Ryan, continues to be active as Cambridge detectives and state police are continuing to gather information to "determine the circumstances which led to the discovery."

Someone reported a suspicious item at Loughery Way, a pedestrian walkway near 225 Binney and 6th streets in Cambridge on Saturday morning. There, police found human remains in a duffel bag. Surveillance video led police inside a building, where body parts were also found. That video will not be released until the case is resolved, according to the DA.

"We're confident that this was not a random act and there is no threat to the public's safety as a suspect has been taken into custody," said Cambridge Police Commissioner Robert Haas. "To provide additional assurance and peace of mind, our officers plan on going door-to-door to speak directly with any neighboring residents to address any questions or concerns they may have."

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Accident

New Jersey church ceiling collapses, hurting 14, at Easter service

More than a dozen people were hurt in northern New Jersey on Sunday when a church ceiling collapsed on top of them during an Easter service, authorities said.

One person was seriously injured and 13 people suffered minor injuries when the ceiling caved in at the Korean Union United Methodist Church in Rahway, said Rahway Fire Department Battalion Chief Daryl Rutter.

"They were very, very fortunate. We could have had a bunch of fatalities," Rutter said.

Korean Union United Methodist Church in Rahway. / GETTY IMAGES

About 75 people were in the church when the incident occurred at 2:15 p.m. local time, Rutter said.

The cause of the collapse is under investigation, he said. REUTERS

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For fans of the hit TV series "Breaking Bad," they can get their drug-making fantasy fix with the new video game "Basement." The indie title allows gamers to play a "scientist who has been forced to do not-exactly-legal stuff underground" — managing a virtual crystal meth-making business, building production rooms, hiring employees and security staff, all the while avoiding the prying eyes of the cops.

Metro spoke to Dmitry Minsky, a programmer.

Artwork of "Basement"
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"Basement" was definitely inspired by "Breaking Bad," right?
That's what everyone's talking about, but for real, we haven't watched the series much at all. Our artist forced himself not to watch the show so he wouldn't wreck our own vision of a game. We can say that the game was mostly influenced by the sci-fi game franchise "X-Com," the "RollerCoaster Tycoon" series and real-time strategy title "Evil Genius." All of our team are hardcore gamers with large gaming experience, and we're trying to bring our most favorite elements from those games.

But the role of the player is exactly what Walter White from "Breaking Bad" does ...
Yes, that's true, but that's how it works. In here, you build your own enterprise, which produces several types of drugs. Build production rooms, hire workers and security staff, avoid federals and capture new markets. We say that "Basement" will most appeal to players who like strategic simulation or maybe the "Tycoon" games.

Why drug-dealing?
First of all, "Basement" is just a game, and you have to treat it as a game. We did not raise the issue of morality or something like this. We just want to create an interesting game with simple but deep strategic gameplay. The game has already won praise for its graphics and art.

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Miley's war: Outraged by "religious freedom" laws, she orders up her troops.

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Miley Cyrus unleashed her millions of fans over the past 10 days to do battle against so-called "religious freedom" laws that essentially codified discrimination against LGBT Americans.

With multiple social media launch sites at General Cyrus' fingertips, the "Wrecking Ball" singer, declared Armageddon on the "dinosaurs" backing the laws, and pushed all the red buttons.

Cyrus sided with the LGBT community, its allies and big business — including Wal-Mart and Apple — in targeting a new Religious Freedom Restoration Act in Indiana, and a strengthening of an old RFRA in Alabama.

This past Thursday, the measures in both states were watered down but remained on the books. Still, the changes were enough to have elected officials, including New York's Democratic Gov. Andrew Cuomo, to impose travel bans to Indiana.

While Cyrus can't be credited for any particularly decisive blow, the 22-year-old, who many kids knew as Disney's wholesome Hannah Montana, has highlighted what a "furious" former California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger called a major misstep for the GOP.

In a Washington Post op-ed, "the Governator" accused Republicans behind the RFRAs of neglecting "the next generation of voters."

He echoed Cyrus' assertion that the RFRAs alienate the 18-to-29 set.

"All you have to do is look at the response to Indiana's law on Twitter, Facebook, Reddit or pretty much wherever young people congregate and discuss what is important to them," he said.

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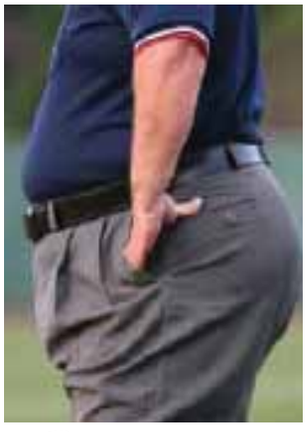

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Four things to know

1 Netanyahu presses US to seek better deal on Iran

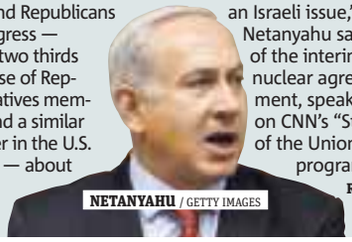
Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu urged the United States on Sunday to seek a better deal to curb Iran's nuclear program and said he would press American lawmakers not to give Tehran "a free path to the bomb."

Netanyahu said he has spoken with both Democrats and Republicans in Congress — nearly two thirds of House of Representatives members and a similar number in the U.S. Senate — about the Iran nuclear issue.

The Israeli prime minister has been strongly critical of the framework agreement struck on Thursday between world powers and Iran, saying it threatens the survival of Israel.

In appearances on U.S. television on Sunday, Netanyahu did not repeat his assertion on Friday that any final agreement should include a commitment by Iran recognizing Israel's right to exist.

"This is not a partisan issue. This is not solely an Israeli issue," Netanyahu said of the interim nuclear agreement, speaking on CNN's "State of the Union" program. **REUTERS**



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2 Hundreds return home in Philippines as typhoon weakens

Hundreds of people in the north of the main Philippine island of Luzon left evacuation centers and returned home on Sunday after a typhoon weakened significantly as it made landfall, although officials still warned of heavy rain.

Once described as super typhoon Maysak as it bore down on the Philippines in recent days, the storm was carrying winds of 35 mph and was rated as a tropical depression as it made landfall on Sunday morning. **REUTERS**

3 Tesla delivered record 10,030 cars in first quarter

Tesla Motors said it delivered a record 10,030 cars in the first quarter, a 55 percent increase compared with the number of deliveries in the first quarter of last year.

The company said going forward it will publish the number of new car deliveries within three days of quarter end as inaccurate sources of information have sometimes been used by others in publishing the number of vehicle deliveries.

The company expects to deliver about 55,000 cars globally in 2015. **REUTERS**

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4 31 arrested near University of Kentucky after NCAA loss

Thirty-one people were arrested overnight near the University of Kentucky after the school's previously undefeated men's basketball team was knocked out the NCAA's Final Four tournament in a semifinal loss to Wisconsin, police said on Sunday.

Hundreds of fans flooded the streets around the school's Lexington, Kentucky campus after the Wisconsin Badgers stunned the No. 1-ranked Wildcats with a 71-64 win in Indianapolis. **REUTERS**

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1 I'm all for these Taraji P. Henson dating rumors

If you had any doubts that "Empire" star Taraji P. Henson had truly arrived, this should quash them. Cookie Lyon herself is now the subject of tabloid dating rumors — specifically about the amorous advances she's been fielding from Michael Strahan. It all started when Henson stopped by "Live with Kelly and Michael" for a chat, according to Star magazine. "Michael flirted openly with Taraji on camera, but he wasn't kidding. Off-camera, he kept asking her, 'When can I take you out?'" a source says. "Taraji initially brushed off his advances, but Mike told her that he was serious. The two ended up having an intimate dinner that night at the Mandarin Oriental Hotel … and they have more dates on the books." Well all right, then.

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2 Guys, Beyonce got us a new song for her anniversary

Traditionally, seven is the wool or copper anniversary, but not for Beyonce, who apparently thinks of it as the surprise single release anniversary. And lucky us. The singer celebrated seven years of wedded bliss to Jay Z this weekend by teasing a brand-new track, "Die With You," available exclusively on Tidal, Jay Z's new streaming music and video service. And I have to say, as a business model for an online music service goes, "I've got Beyonce" is a pretty good one.

3 Kelly Clarkson vs. Fox News fat-shaming

I realize a lot of stuff that comes out of Fox News is cynically designed to get reactions like this one, but still. Chris Wallace decided to weigh in on the virtues and drawbacks of singer Kelly Clarkson — for some reason — offering, "Kelly Clarkson's got a lovely voice. She could stay off the deep-dish pizza for a while." Which is downright un-American, if you ask me. Heck, Wallace even has his own turning against him, as Fox colleague Greta Van Susteren was so incensed she had to blog about it: "This 'guy snickering' about her weight is obnoxious," she wrote. "He should apologize." In the meantime, I suddenly really, really want some deep-dish pizza.

THE WORD

Ned Ehrbar takes on the world of gossip.

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4 'Scrubs' stars out to save pizza-deprived Indiana gay weddings

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This might sort of, maybe, make up for the whole "Wish I Was Here" Kickstarter thing. Zach Braff has teamed up with his heterosexual life-partner and former "Scrubs" co-star, Donald Faison, to come to the rescue of any same-sex couples in Indiana put out by the recently adopted Religious Freedom Restoration Act after a local pizzeria made it clear they wouldn't be catering any gay weddings. Braff posted a photo of himself and Faison piloting a speedboat with the caption, "If you really and truly want pizza for your gay wedding in Indiana … we will make it for you." Which is great and all, but how they expect to get to Indiana via speedboat is beyond me.

2 CULTURE

Twitter feed

Today, Kristin Chenoweth is snacking, Kirstie Alley is looking to keep some length, Justin Bieber is looking for some perspective, Robert Downey Jr. is celebrating a big birthday and Patton Oswalt wants to understand Easter.

@KChenoweth: I love a good trisquit with some ranch and low fat skim cheese.

@kirstiealley: There's always that one douche hair stylist who tries to convince you to cut ur hair in a pixie..shoot him

@justinbieber: Life is too short not to be happy

@RobertDowneyJr: Dear Mother Nature, Thank you for 50 years of loving tolerance...

@pattonoswalt: If they find a lost gospel where it turns out Jesus' nickname was "Bunny" then this whole thing makes sense.

Matthew Weiner is moving on

Interview. The "Mad Men" creator says he still gets stray good ideas for episodes.

"Mad Men" began its final run of episodes last night. Catch the rest of the final season Sundays at 10 p.m. on AMC. / AMC

"Mad Men" finished shooting last summer, but creator Matthew Weiner is still not totally used to it being over. But he still has to talk about it for a long time. Weiner is (in)famous for his no-spoiler policy, meaning we can't talk about what happens in the back half of the show's final season, which started its last batch of seven episodes on Sunday. Before we reconvene to discuss its finale, we can talk about its origins, as well as the killer way the first half of the seventh season ended.

Even now, do you still get ideas for the show?
Yes. I've had ideas recently. I caught myself. I ran into a situation I thought could be in the show. That's never going to happen again. I always have a piece of paper in my pocket or I call myself on the phone. I've learned to take those passing thoughts very seriously. It's not as delusional as it sounds. But I did stop and not write it down. It was like the show was a phantom limb.

Are there forgotten or neglected events or historical moments you were really proud to have included?
I like things people have forgotten about, like the computer coming into people's lives. People were like, "Oh, [in the first episode with the giant computer in season seven] that's a '2001' reference." It's not. It actually happened. And "2001" was already out. "2001" presaged it. Arthur C. Clarke was talking about it, and Kubrick was interested in that — what our relationship is going to be with these machines. By the time [a computer] came to the agency — as Don says, "It's not symbolic, it's quite literal." It took over the lunchroom. [Laughs] It replaced human beings. We have such a nonstop love affair with our cellphones that we forget there was a time when this was perceived as a threat.

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Try being funny

His comedy days

You worked on "The Sopranos," but before that, you wrote for sitcoms like "Becker." How did sitcoms inform "Mad Men"?
The bar for funny is a lot lower in a drama. When you're dealing with heavy stuff, a very small joke can get a very big laugh, because it's just a relief and a surprise. But I've definitely brought a lot of the techniques to the show, and they are sitcom techniques and sitcom ways of doing scenes. ... I have never spoken of sitcoms in disparaging ways. When I stumble upon a "Friends" episode or a "Seinfeld" episode, I am always filled with delight. ... Being funny, I hate to say it, is way more impressive and way harder to do than being dramatic.

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TV watch list

DRAMA

'Night Shift'

The team scrambles to cope after a gas explosion in the city sends tons of injured people their way. **10 P.M., NBC**

Topher struggles to keep everything organized when he has to coordinate a lot of injured people on "Night Shift." / LEWIS JACOBS, NBC

REALITY

'The Voice'

We're enjoying the idea that "The Voice" is beginning its playoff round the same day the baseball season begins. Tune in to see the top 20 singers in action with, one assumes, a few of them striking out. **8 P.M., NBC**

MOVIES

'Sinatra: All or Nothing'

While the first night of this HBO doc aired last night, you can catch the conclusion tonight, which will cover his retirement concert in 1971 and includes interviews with family members. **8 P.M., HBO**

DRAMA

'Better Call Saul'

How can it already be time to say goodbye to "Saul"? The freshman show wraps up its first season tonight as Jimmy finds himself talking to an old friend and Chuck adjusts to some changes. **SEASON FINALE, 10 P.M., AMC** **LISA WEIDENFELD**

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Meet music's new party boys

Interview. Milky Chance's rise to fame happened so fast that they're still shocked. But the German duo is having a good time enjoying the ride.

The two dudes that together are Milky Chance: Philipp Dausch and Clemens Rehbein. / DAVID ULRICH

It's been one year since best buds Clemens Rehbein and Philipp Dausch uploaded their song "Stolen Dance" to YouTube, and the video now has over 131 million views. With it being looped on Top 40 stations across the country, it's safe to say the song is everywhere. We talk with Rehbein about their growing popularity and always being the life of the party.

Skipping school and jamming out

Rehbein and Dausch met in high school, where they bonded over liking the same type of music. "We didn't like school much," Rehbein says. "We started jamming instead of going to math class. I think our other classmates would [describe us as] the most crazy guys who would just enjoy their easy way of living instead of being a student."

Giving fans the power

Despite being German, the guys have always written their songs in English. "We just always listened to English music, so it was more natural for us," Rehbein says.

They experimented seeing what worked by uploading three songs to YouTube: "Flashed Junk Mind," "Down By The River" and "Stolen Dance." Three weeks later, "Stolen Dance" had racked up a crazy amount of hits. "I feel like the people made the choice for this song to be the single, not us," Rehbein says.

The duo is currently touring and one thing's for sure: The party's not stopping anytime soon.

Behind the beat

Influenced by the club scene

Blending pop with electronica is part of what sets Milky Chance apart, and Rehbein says they're greatly influenced by the electronica scene in Germany. "It did and does influence our music," he says. "If you grow up having parties with your friends and listening to this type of music, it will influence you." He also says that going clubbing in France and Germany was a big influence on their sound.

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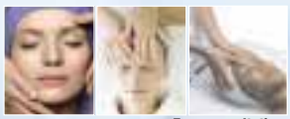
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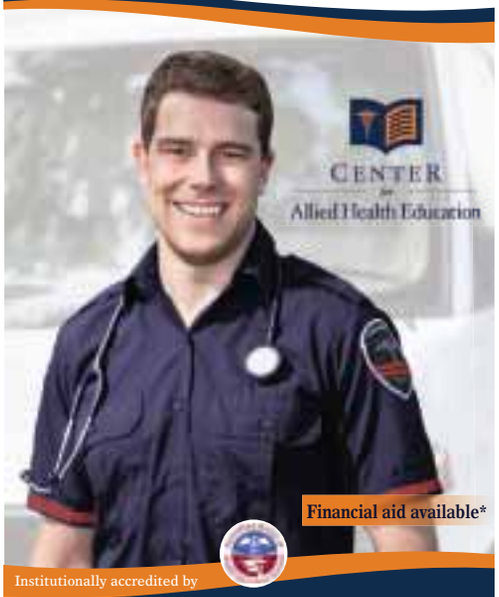

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College is a time of exploration — both inside and outside of the classroom. Finding a volunteer project that speaks to your interests is a great way to enhance your education.

The experience helps students gain knowledge and network, and it looks pretty impressive on a résumé. The question students face is whether it is better to volunteer within their field or outside of it.

Volunteering within your major is one of the easiest — and fastest — ways to decide if what you're studying is truly what you wish to pursue. "By volunteering for opportunities within their major, students can implement the knowledge they have learned in the classroom in real-life situations," explains Debra Manente, associate director of career services at Post University.

Fill in the gaps on your résumé while helping others? Win-win. ISTOCK

But trying something totally different is beneficial, too. "It diversifies your skill set and could help you land a job in another area down the line," says Christine Endres, branch manager for the staffing agency Accountemps.

Regardless of whether the volunteer work is within your major or not, volunteering can lead to tremendous growth. "By volunteering, you can learn by observing and interacting with others in a totally new environment," explains Tonya Osmond, assistant director, Office of Alumni and Career Services at the University of Richmond. "The risk for trying something new [in the work force] is often lower through a volunteer activity, so it may reduce possible fears of failure," adds Osmond.

On the fence about volunteering?

Christine Endres explains the value of volunteering.

- It catches the eye of potential employers because it shows that you're willing to take the initiative and work for causes you believe in.
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Student rejects Duke's rejection letter

There's wanting to go to your dream school and then there's this.

High school senior Siobhan O'Dell may not have succeeded on her first try, but she won't take no for an answer from her dream school, Duke University. Or at least that's what she says in a letter.

When Duke sent O'Dell her rejection letter, the student wrote a letter back to them, and then later posted it to Tumblr: "Despite Duke's outstanding success in rejecting previous applicants, you simply did not meet my qualifications. ... Therefore, I will be attending Duke University's 2015 freshmen class. I look forward to seeing you then."

An admissions officer responded to O'Dell and wrote that she could appeal the decision but that it is very rare that appeals are successful.

O'Dell seems pleased that she will attend another school, the University of South Carolina, but she still wrote about her disappointment on Tumblr: "I have a 4.76 weighted, an SAT score of 2040 and I go to a private school. ... Our valedictorian didn't even get in it's so f—ing hard, but you might as well try."

At the end of the day, O'Dell is still like any other senior: She wrote on Tumblr that her guidance counselor is making her send an apology note to Duke. Andrea Park

When your dream school rejects you, it's best to move on. ISTOCK

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You know she's trying to come up with a graceful answer. ISTOCK

Interviews are nerve-racking in their own right, but when an interviewer throws a question at you like, "If you were a tree, what kind of tree would you be?" — well, that can just be the end of you.

The job-search site Glassdoor has compiled a list of the top 10 most "oddball" interview questions of 2015, and although no one is asking you what kind of tree you are, there are certainly some curveballs.

How would you answer the following?

1. "What would you do if you were the one survivor in a plane crash?" **Airbnb Trust and Safety Investigator job candidate (Portland, OR)**

2. "What's your favorite '90s jam?" **Squarespace Customer Care job candidate (Portland, OR)**

3. "If you woke up and had 2,000 unread emails and could only answer 300 of them, how would you choose which ones to answer?" **Dropbox Rotation Program job candidate**

4. "Who would win in a fight between Spider-man and Batman?" **Stanford University Medical Simulationist job candidate (Palo Alto, CA)**

5. "If you had a machine that produced $100 bills for life, what would you be willing to pay for it today?" **Aksia Research Analyst job candidate (New York, NY)**

6. "What did you have for breakfast?" **Banana Republic Sales Associate job candidate (New York, NY)**

7. "Describe the color yellow to somebody who's blind." **Spirit Airlines Flight Attendant job candidate (Fort Lauderdale, FL)**

8. "If you were asked to unload a 747 full of jellybeans, what would you do?" **Bose IT Support Manager job candidate (Framingham, MA)**

9. "How many people flew out of Chicago last year?" **Redbox Software Engineer II job candidate (Oakbrook Terrace, IL)**

10. "Who's your favorite Disney princess?" **Cold-stone Creamery Crew Member job candidate (Miami, FL)**

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♈ Aries | March 21-April 20
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♉ Taurus | April 21-May 21
Putting extra effort into your job will gain you recognition. If you are humble about your achievements, your co-workers will be less likely to react with jealousy.

♊ Gemini | May 22-June 20
Make an effort to prove your loyalty and admiration to a cause or person. Attend an event or activity that encourages togetherness.

♋ Cancer | June 21-July 22
Unexpected visitors will upset your schedule. Be courteous, but don't allow anyone to take advantage of your good nature.

♌ Leo | July 23-Aug. 22
The trust that others have in you will be lost if you gossip. Now is the time to keep your innermost feelings private. A co-worker will try to damage your reputation.

♍ Virgo | Aug. 23-Sept. 22
Make your career your No. 1 priority. Keep on top of developments in your field. Revamp your résumé to highlight your strengths.

♎ Libra | Sept. 23-Oct. 22
You can master whatever you put your mind to. Your actions will be noticed and will help you garner support. Speak up.

♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23-Nov. 21 Don't believe everything you hear, and don't judge a new acquaintance without getting to know him or her first.

♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22-Dec. 21 Push your projects through to completion. You have a number of people on your side, but that doesn't mean your workload will be lessened.

♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22-Jan. 20 Don't allow professional issues to interfere with your personal life. You won't be able to loosen up if you complain about co-workers.

♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21-Feb. 18 You can learn a lot by observing others. Look for people who are in a position to help get you ahead, and discuss your intentions.

♓ Pisces | Feb. 19-March 20
Your generous nature will lead to difficulties if you are too trusting. Don't make donations or loans until you are sure of their integrity.

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Sudoku: Easy and hard

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9		8		2		1		

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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

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6 Lacking forethought
10 Quote from
14 Dashboard dial
15 Verge
16 Phone, slangily
17 Rigel's constellation
18 — - — -tat-tat
19 No future -- --
20 Makes a pit stop (2 wds.)
22 Read out loud
24 Polite bloke
25 Shipping inquiry
26 Flowery shrub
30 Threat ender
32 Klutz's cry (2 wds.)
33 Rookie
35 Magnus Carlsen's game
40 Cubism founder
42 Encyclopedia piece
44 Lean
45 Cross the creek
47 Scorch
48 Archipelago dot
50 Sitting Bull's territory
52 A Ryder
56 Police bust
58 Solar product
59 Seasoned pros (2 wds.)
64 "Woe is me!"
65 "— — Excited" (Pointer Sisters tune)
67 Orlando attraction
68 Nix
69 Flashy sign
70 Domain
71 Bond's alma mater
72 Squall
73 Raise up

Down
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2 Vamp Theda —
3 Tiant of baseball
4 Id companions
5 Back out
6 Second showing
7 Plug add-on
8 Barracks off.
9 Artichoke morsels
10 Girl from Baja
11 Column type
12 Hackneyed
13 Stage direction
21 Ushers' quests
23 Not slouching
26 Peace offerings
27 Collins or Esposito
28 Ancient empire
29 Chestnut or bay
31 Mutual-fund charge
34 Caterwaul
36 Hayseed
37 Nymph who pined away
38 Thin board
39 Vaccines
41 Hurt a little
43 Changed decor
46 Spray can
49 Aphorism
51 Stay attached
52 Drive recklessly
53 Cove
54 Groovy
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57 Like a hermit
60 Peak
61 College sports org.
62 Sweetie-pie
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66 Drop — — line

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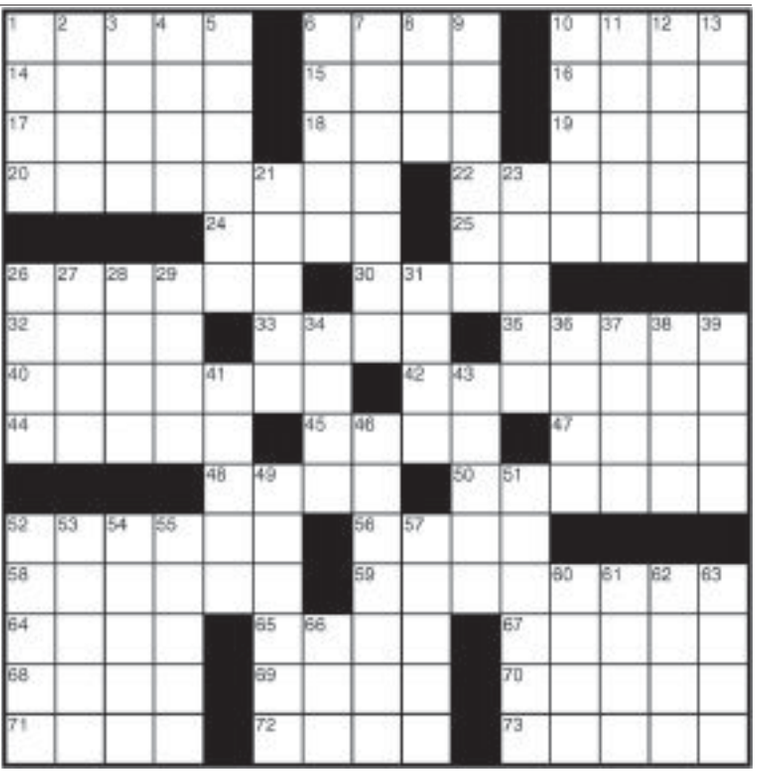

Letters to the editor

Good Samaritan, good article

Re: 'Good Samaritan returns $7,500' (Metro, April 2) First of all, kudos on a wonderful job overall with the newspaper. Please keep up the good work.

I read the subject article this morning regarding Mr. Yoany Gutierrez's good deeds and was truly touched and proud of his honest actions. I sincerely hope he is rewarded/recognized.

Thanks to Chester Soria for such a beautiful article.

OGAR MCNEIL, VIA EMAIL

A religious reminder

With all the recent negative press surrounding religion, especially during what are two very holy times in both the Jewish and Christian faiths, I feel the need to speak out against the intolerance and hatred espoused as religious righteousness. The most hate-filled and bigoted voices often speak the loudest, and those of us who speak words of love and inclusion often get drowned out. Christians, Muslims and Jews can be and often are loving and inclusive, both to those within our faith and those outside it. I don't believe that faith requires perfection; in fact, I think it invites in the most IMperfect people and loves them all the more because of it. All are truly welcome and loved.

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Matt Harvey will get the ball Thursday. / GETTY IMAGES

Contenders once again

MLB. The Mets are poised to return to the postseason for the first time since the 2006 season.

For the first time in a long time, there are lofty expectations for the Mets. Their rotation is among the best in baseball, and their lineup looks potent should everyone stay healthy. And the Mets' bullpen, once a league-wide laughingstock, is now a source of pride with several legit arms to turn to.

The Mets kick off their regular season today in Washington against the Nationals (4 p.m., SNY).

The Mets' lineup features mostly the same cast from last year, but left fielder Michael Cuddyer is an important new face. Cuddyer was acquired via free agency to give the Mets a strong bat in the outfield. He played just 49 games for the Rockies last year due to injury but hit .331 in 2014, just short of his career high (.332) set in 2013. Cuddyer hit 10 homers last year, 20 in 2013, and his career high is 32. The outfield also includes right fielder Curtis Granderson, who got off to a rocky start last year, batting just .145 in April with only one home run. He finished the season at .227 with 20 blasts, a little disappointing for a player the Mets paid $13 million for.

Juan Lagares will patrol center field, and while he is more valued for his stellar defense, he can hit fairly well too (.281 last season).

The infielders include third baseman David Wright, who will be trying to rebound from a disastrous 2014 campaign in which he hit only eight home runs.

Shortstop Wilmer Flores showed signs of promise late last year, enough to convince Mets brass to give him a shot at short to open the season. Second baseman Daniel Murphy was fantastic last year (.298, 9 HR, 57 RBIs) despite persistent trade rumors, and earned his first trip to the All-Star game. First baseman Lucas Duda was a revelation last year, hitting .253 and popping 30 homers. His Achilles' heel last year was left-handed pitching, but he seemed to hit lefties well in Spring Training.

Catcher Travis d'Arnaud struggled at the plate early in 2014 and was demoted. D'Arnaud was quickly recalled, however, and went on a tear, showing the promise the Mets banked on when they dealt R.A. Dickey to the Blue Jays.

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Batter up

2015 Mets' possible order:

1. LF Curtis Granderson
2. 2B Daniel Murphy
3. 3B David Wright
4. 1B Lucas Duda
5. RF Michael Cuddyer
6. C Travis d'Arnaud
7. SS Wilmer Flores
8. CF Juan Lagares

DAVID WRIGHT
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MLB. Long-in-the-tooth Yankees look to prove they're not 'average'

There are a ton of "ifs" surrounding the Yankees this season. They could break their two-year postseason slump if all goes well, but hardly anything is for certain in the lineup, rotation or bullpen.

The Yanks kick things off today at home against Toronto (1 p.m., YES).

The Bombers do, once again, send out a very old lineup. Veterans like Mark Teixeira, Brian McCann and Carlos Beltran are good when healthy, but all three of them had trouble staying on the field in 2014. Then there is the headache known as A-Rod. Alex Rodriguez returns at age 39 after a year-long suspension. He was surprisingly good in spring training, but we'll see if he can channel his vintage stuff when the game is at full-speed come Opening Day.

Stephen Drew is the second baseman by default considering the dreadful 2014 he had. Bright spots in the lineup include leadoff extraordinaire Brett Gardner, along with Jacoby Ellsbury and Chase Headley. Didi Gregorius will be filling Derek Jeter's shoes at shortstop; fans should not expect a great deal of production at the plate but his defensive skills are solid.

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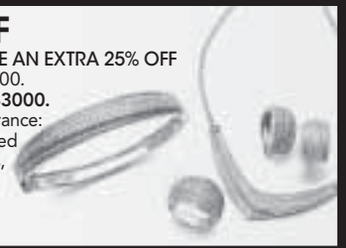

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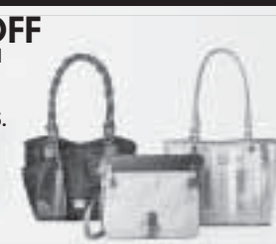

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